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HERE'S BACKGROUND ABOUT  
NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

and the Win-the-Peace goals of 1,700,000 rural youth.

March 2 to 10, National 4-H Club Week

With last year's "Dig in for Victory" slogan behind them, this is the week the 1,700,000 farm boys and girls in 4-H Clubs over the country have set to bring to life in each local community their "Win-the-Peace" goals.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson Sums Up the Job

"The 4-H war record has been completed. All who have had a part in this great achievement can feel justly proud. The military victory is won. But whether or not we can rise to the higher challenge that the military victory brings is up to every individual, everywhere. That higher challenge is for us now to build a just and enduring world peace."

Purposes of the Week

1. Focus attention of all on what the 1,700,000 boys and girls in the 4-H Clubs are doing and can do to build better homes and better communities.
2. Lead all 4-H Club members to rededicate themselves to do everything possible to help during this critical adjustment period.
3. Encourage other boys and girls to volunteer, join in, and help.

Why March 2 to 10?

This is the season of the year when farm plans generally must be put in final shape, when planting supplies and equipment must be given final checking, when the farm labor situation, the condition of farm machinery, the job to be done, must be faced.

Shortages in machinery, labor, and other essentials for farming, the continuing pressing need of a war-ravaged world for food and other farm products, will make the part boys and girls on the farm must play during 1946 more important than ever.

Who Are Members of the 4-H Clubs?

Any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 21 years may become a member. The term "4-H" designates the wholesome development of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health for which the 4-H Club program strives.

Each club elects its own officers from its membership and conducts the affairs of the club through democratic procedures. The club members plan the program and discuss problems of their community and work out ways to help solve them.



As a part of their 4-H Club experience, members "learn by doing." They raise poultry or livestock, gardens, crops, preserve food, prepare nutritious meals, make clothing, care for young children, and do other farming or homemaking work. Each member conducts his project or demonstration at home, following scientific methods, keeping accurate records, and demonstrating the results to others.

There are 4-H Clubs in practically every county in the United States. 4-H Club work is a part of the Extension Service in which the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the State land-grant colleges, and the counties cooperate, through county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

#### What the Clubs Plan To Do

In the 75,000 local 4-H Clubs over the country, boys and girls and their 167,623 volunteer adult local leaders will meet to talk over and get going on their 1946 win-the-peace goals.

They will hear reports and consider new jobs they can do.

They will visit other boys and girls in the community and ask them to join and help. They will assign responsibilities to each club member.

They will have citizenship ceremonies, local 4-H exhibits, see special motion pictures, get new inspiration, and learn about important responsibilities in special radio programs.

In these and other ways they will present to their own group and to the public their plans for doing their utmost toward a just and enduring peace.

#### What the 4-H Clubs Did During the War

<u>Produced</u>		<u>Conserved</u>
Home gardens.....	1,000,000 acres	Food canned..... 74,000,000 qts.
Poultry.....	43,000,000 birds	Scrap collected..... 400,000,000 lbs.
Livestock.....	2,700,000 head	War bonds bought or
Food crops.....	1,300,000 acres	sold to others.....\$200,000,000

Thousands of 4-H members worked continuously on such tasks as removing farm and home hazards to prevent accidents and loss, increasing farm fuel supplies, repairing and caring for farm machinery, repairing and remaking clothing, learning and practicing first aid and home nursing, having regular health examinations, overcoming physical defects, checking their food and health habits.

#### Their Win-the-Peace Guideposts

They have a good start for 1946 in the 10 guideposts club members and leaders have recently set up. These guideposts were established to help 4-H members analyze their own situations, needs, and interests, to plan programs that



will help prepare them physically, mentally, and spiritually to serve as citizens in building and maintaining a peaceful world.

1. Developing talents for greater usefulness.
2. Joining with friends for work, fun, and fellowship.
3. Learning to live in a changing world.
4. Choosing a way to earn a living.
5. Producing food and fiber for home and market.
6. Creating better homes for better living.
7. Conserving nature's resources for security and happiness.
8. Building health for a strong America.
9. Sharing responsibilities for community improvement.
10. Serving as citizens in maintaining world peace.

